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— YEAR 1916 —

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OF THE TOWN OF



FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Ending December 31

1916

**THE GAZETTE MOTOR PRINT
BARRE, MASS.**

Town Officers for 1916

TOWN CLERK :

JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1918

SELECTMEN :

GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD, Term expires 1917
SYLVESTER R. DEAN, Term expires 1918
JOHN P. DAY, Term expires 1919

ASSESSORS :

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, Term expires 1917
WALTER A. WOODIS, Term expires 1918
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL, Term expires 1919

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1917
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, Term expires 1918
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE, Term expires 1919

SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

MRS. MINNIE M. DAY, Term expires 1917
JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1918
J. NELSON BALL, Term expires 1919

LIBRARY TRUSTEES :

SARA E. BUTLER, Term expires 1917
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL, Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN, Term expires 1919

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK	Term expires 1917
ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919

COLLECTOR:

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER:

JOHN W. DWELLEY.

AUDITOR:

ROY M. WEAVER.

TREE WARDEN:

HENRY W. GRIMES.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

GEORGE H. MORSE.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

W. R. DEAN, W. A. WOODIS, O. D. WEBBER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD:

A. C. MORSE, S. R. DEAN, F. H. PARMENTER.

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

CONSTABLES :

W. C. AYRES, W. R. DEAN, F. L. CHEEVER,
F. H. PARMENTER, FREDERICK EXLEY,
H. W. BARTLETT.

FIELD DRIVER :

R. F. PARKER.

TOWN AGENT :

FRANK S. CONANT.

UNDERTAKER :

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

CATTLE INSPECTOR :

HENRY W. STONE.

FOREST FIREWARD :

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT :

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

Town Clerk's Report

of

Births, Marriages and Deaths

for the year 1916

BIRTHS.

- Jan. 24.** Daughter (Myrtle Lizzie) to Harry W. and Della D. Green.
- Jan. 13.** Daughter (Thais S.) to Fabius W. and Rhoda C. Beckwith.
- Feb. 8.** Son (Nicholas M.) to Mitze and Edith S. George.
- Apr. 26.** Daughter (Myrtle Alice) to Bert S. and Alice B. Reed.
- Aug. 10.** Daughter (Clara M.) to Weston and Florence C. Barton.
- Aug. 16.** Daughter (Ida Emma) to Samuel and Eva C. Bruno.

MARRIAGES.

- June 21.** Milton A. Bullard to Minnie M. Rutherford.
- Sept. 25.** Percy F. Wilbur to Lila C. Parkman.
- Oct. 16.** Owen D. Armstrong to Beatrice Monroe.
- Nov. 8.** Wallace S. Freeman to Esther C. Needham.
- Nov. 30.** Joseph J. Beacham to Mary A. White.

DEATHS.

		Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	11.	(In Worcester)	Edward P. May-	
		nard,	86	0 12
Jan.	31.	William S. Crawford,	84	7 9
Feb.	28.	James E. Kennedy,	56	8 22
Mar.	7.	Walter M. Robinson,	57	11 20
Mar.	19.	Helen Winsky,		7 17
Apr.	4.	Charles Foster,	75	2 19
Apr.	7.	Martha J. Hale,	38	9 22
Oct.	30.	John E. Stone,	71	11 17
Dec.	4.	Charles F. Sanderson,	66	2 25

Population, 527.

Voters, male, 133; female, 9.

Number of dogs licensed, 67; male, 56; female, 11.

Number of hunter's licenses, 80.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

Report of Superintendent of Streets

REPAIRING ROADS, 1916.

G. T. Butterfield,	\$489 80
James Woodis,	136 00
Frank Boyd,	124 00
Evander Green,	123 26
Guy C. Allen, Jr.,	119 58
Henry D. Bullard,	97 44
Fred Parkman,	73 25
Winthrop Boyd,	69 25
Clifford Knight,	40 50
George Morse,	32 50
Walter R. Dean,	30 00
Ed. Bullard,	18 50
R. F. Parker,	15 31
Milton Bullard,	14 50
James Scott,	14 42
Roy Weaver,	13 50
Pat O'Donnell,	13 63
New England Road Machine Co.,	11 50
Graal Keep,	7 50
Arthur Spooner,	5 50
J. P. Fairbank,	5 50
David Hallowell,	5 00
Ira Stone,	4 50
Frank Loring,	4 00
Frank Lupier,	4 00

David Labonte,	3 25
Ed. Green,	3 25
W. H. Parkman,	3 00
Geo. S. Butler,	3 19
John P. Day,	2 40
John Dwelly,	2 25
Manton Lincoln,	2 17
Henry Stone,	1 75
Tom Gaffney,	1 67
Justin Rawson,	1 50
Henry Grimes,	1 25
	\$1498 62

GRAVEL ROADS, 1916.

Evander Green,	\$132 50
G. T. Butterfield,	88 50
James Woodis,	63 00
Henry Bullard,	62 50
Guy C. Allen, Jr.,	62 13
Milton Bullard,	61 25
Roy Weaver,	53 25
Winthrop Boyd,	52 00
Walter Dean,	51 65
Frank Boyd,	48 00
William Fullam Co.,	40 16
Standard Oil Co.,	40 00
John O'Donnell,	33 75
Grace Keep,	27 50
Edwin Bullard,	28 25
Clifford Knight,	24 75
Edwin Green,	20 25

Patrick O'Donnell,	11 25	
Frank Loring,	5 00	
Geo. S. Butler,	2 59	
		\$908 28
Received from the State,		700 00
		\$208 28

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Road Commissioner.

OPENING ROADS, 1916.

G. T. Butterfield,	\$76 72
Morton F. Lincoln,	64 07
D. A. Rutherford,	9 00
John Bowen,	1 50
James Scott,	41 16
H. W. Stone,	27 08
Geo. H. Morse,	1 75
Frank Lupier,	64 93
Walter McClantham,	3 95
Justin Rawson,	17 75
H. D. Bullard,	6 43
H. A. Crawford,	27 20
William Gaffney,	54 92
Ira Stone,	32 29
Thomas Gaffney,	23 48
Thomas Moran,	1 25
John Moran,	6 00
Fred Allen,	7 13
Peter White,	21 00
Frederick Exley,	12 25
Patrick O'Donnell,	44 36

S. R. Dean,	27 53
W. R. Dean,	4 75
Will Moran,	2 62
W. A. Parkman,	4 44
Wallace Grimes,	1 50
W. E. Swindell,	4 89
Fay Russell,	7 75
S. H. Haskell,	4 50
John P. Day,	18 31
C. H. Trowbridge,	10 00
C. R. Knight,	7 75
F. W. Beckwith,	12 44
David Hallowell,	6 75
Evander Green,	13 50
Walter Green,	13 75
Roy Weaver,	19 00
Frank Boyd,	3 25
C. O. Adams,	10 00
Guy C. Allen,	5 50
Paul Needham,	5 75
Fred Beacham,	3 00
James Gaffney,	52 83
Timothy Doyle,	20 75
Mason Dean,	30 38
A. B. Spooner,	4 25
James Woodis,	4 50
W. H. Boyd,	7 00
Bert Reed,	16 25
Dennis Leyden,	10 50
E. A. Burton,	3 00
Geo. Larvel,	11 63
Will Snay,	6 50

John Thrasher,	3 00
Edwin Bullard,	88
	\$902 67

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Road Commissioner.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

Assessment,	\$11 40
Dr. Bates,	2 25
G. S. Butler,	10 65
Blanks,	45
Postage,	2 75
City Hospital,	22 86
St. Vincent Hospital,	93 79
M. F. Lincoln,	92 40
Board of E. H. Ayres (Refunded),	154 65
Wm. H. Parkman (Overseer),	42 00
Jesse Allen (Overseer),	23 00
C. H. Trowbridge (Overseer),	10 00
	\$466 20

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
WM. H. PARKMAN,
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor

Report of the Charlton Poor Farm Assoc.

From January 1, 1916 to January 1, 1917

EXPENDITURES

Orrin L. Potter and wife (salary)	\$ 650 00
Inside Labor,	456 37
Outside Labor,	271 58
Groceries,	2,042 44
Meat,	301 35
Rent and Interest,	585 96
Tobacco,	71 81
Blacksmithing,	98 50
Filling Silo,	63 50
Molasses,	23 23
Fertilizer,	46 80
Painting,	20 00
Filling Icehouse,	7 00
Harness,	29 00
Sawdust,	57 08
Stock,	510 00
Horse,	200 00
Miscellaneous,	450 89
Grain,	1,494 14
Fish and Oysters,	117 83
Oil,	25 45
Coal,	317 87
Medicine and Medical Attendance,	123 85

Boots, shoes and clothing,	273 88
Replenishing,	60 74
Wagon,	18 00
Tools and Seeds,	82 12
Hardware,	91 79
Veterinary,	38 75
Table,	16 00
Poultry,	12 50
Potatoes,	13 75
	\$8,572 16

RECEIPTS

Milk,	\$2,216 22
Eggs,	40 38
Stock,	718 44
Horse,	200 00
Outside Labor,	174 46
Board,	388 93
Miscellaneous,	18 05
Assessments from the several towns belonging to the Charlton Poor Farm Association,	620 03
	\$4,376 51

Cash received:

Charlton, 115 2-7 weeks, \$5.257,	\$606 26
Paxton, 52 2-7 weeks, \$5.257,	274 97
Westminster, 52 2-7 weeks, \$5.257,	274 97
Holden, 95 2-7 weeks, \$5.257,	501 10
Princeton, 92 5-7 weeks, \$5.257,	487 01
Rutland, 52 2-7 weeks, \$5.257,	274 97

Millbury, 154 5-7 weeks, \$5.257,	813 54
Hubbardston, 7 3-7 weeks, \$5.257,	39 26
Holland, 19 5-7 weeks, \$5.257,	101 84
Sterling, 74 4-7 weeks, \$5.257,	392 42
Hardwick, 52 2-7 weeks, \$5.257,	275 26
Oakham, 29 1-7 weeks, \$5.257,	153 45
	\$4,195 65

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation,	\$100 00
Perpetual care of lots,	65 00
Individual care of lots,	81 12
Contributions,	20 00
	\$266 12

EXPENSES

Paid Edwin Green, Supt.,	\$160 80
G. S. Butler,	19 96
A. C. Morse,	11 25
Wm. A. Nye,	66 75
Mr. Rogers (Printing),	2 32
Mrs. Foster,	2 70
A. Spooner,	1 00
W. A. Woodis,	75
	\$265 53

As usual our cemeteries have been well cared for, permanent improvements having been made within the past year.

Generous contributions have been received from families interested, in this and in other towns for this purpose.

The expense of fertilizing and lawn mowing single burial lots in the future will be three dollars annually. For lawn mowing alone two dollars. Owners desiring both will please notify the Supt. or one of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

ALFRED C. MORSE,

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.,

Cemetery Committee

Fobes Memorial Library

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation,	\$300 00
Dog Fund,	138 27
Gift for New Lights (Mrs. C. E. Fobes),	150 00
	\$588 27

EXPENSES

Wm. C. Ayres (Janitor),	\$123 48
R. F. Parker,	13 13
Amer. Gas Machine Co. (New Lights),	160 00
C. H. Trowbridge, cement and labor,	7 40
G. S. Butler,	5 12
Freight, Ex. and Postage,	8 09
E. Cody (Coal),	70 00
A. Spooner, drawing coal,	17 48
J. Allen, repairs,	1 95
C. H. Parker & Son,	36 05
Magazines and Books,	18 25
G. N. Briggs, exchange of Books (Coldbrook),	25 00
F. E. Davis, Librarian,	75 00
F. E. Davis, cataloguing,	7 00
	\$567 95

The "Library" including the "Building" and Furnishings, has been cared for, the past year, entirely by the Trustees.

The new "System of Lighting" presented by Mrs. C. E. Fobes of Worcester, works well and is greatly enjoyed.

A beautiful "Hall Clock," both useful and ornamental, has been presented to the "Library" by our "Old Friend," Mr. Herbert D. Gough of Worcester.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

SARA E. BUTLER,

FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,

Library Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the year the library has been open 101 days.

Circulation,	2,749
Largest number charged in one day,	49
Smallest number charged in one day,	7
Loaned for use in the public schools,	108

These publications are furnished for the reading room: Illustrated World, Ladies' World, McClure's, Everybody's, Independent, Youths' Companion, Good House-keeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Country Gentleman, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, Woman's Journal, Successful Farming, Our Dumb Animals, Worcester Telegram.

The Library has received gifts from The State Library Commission, Woman's Education Association, Y. P. S. C. E., Mrs. Chetwood Smith. G. M. Dean, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, Miss Orzina Lovell, Walter A. Woodis, Edward S. Crawford, Mrs. Lilla Robinson, Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, Mrs. Julius Brown, Benjamin Eldridge, Frank S. Conant, Herbert D. Gough, Jasper Peabody, Eleanor Hubbell, Charles A. Ware, Mrs. Kate Wilkinson, Mrs. Abbie E. Dean, W. E. Gifford and John Moore. The Library has 2,752 catalogued volumes. Additions during the year:

Little Sir Galahad,	Gray
My Heart's Right There,	Barclay
Yourself and the Neighbors,	MacManus
The Clarion,	Adams
Patrol of the Sundance Trail,	Connor
The Honorable Percival,	Rice
Cranberry Cove Stories,	Smith
Ten Boys Who Live on the Road from Long Ago,	Andrews
Calling of Dan Matthew,	Wright
The Hermit,	Munn
Four American Poets,	Cody
The Children's Book,	Scudder
Lisbeth Longfrock,	Poulsson
Indian Child Life,	Deming
Mother Goose Village,	Bigham
The Blue Bird for Children,	Perkins
Handy Book for Girls,	Paret
Boy Scouts,	Seton
Games for Playground, Home and School,	Bancroft
Indian Scout Talks,	Eastman
Christmas,	Schauffler

Pierrot Dog of Belgium,	Dyer
My Year of the Great War,	Palmer
Tree Dwellers,	Dopp
The Land We Live In,	Price
Let Me Explain,	Williams
The Nations at War,	Abbott
Washington's Birthday,	Schauffler
Life of Edison,	Meadowcroft
Fritz in Germany,	McDonald
Collette in France,	McDonald
More Than Conqueror,	Gilbert
Boris in Russia,	McDonald
A Nurse in Every Home,	Overlock
Famous Men of Middle Ages.	Haaren
The Belgians at Home,	Holland
The Pentecost of Calamity,	Wister
Woman's Suffrage,	Bjorkman
Mighty Animals,	Mix
A Summer in Alaska,	Schwatka
World's Fair,	Jenks
Christopher Columbus,	Brooks
Drifting Round the World,	Hall
A Little Colonial Dame,	Sage
The Pot of Gold,	Wilkins
Young Puritans in King Phillip's War,	Smith
The Farm Book,	Smith
The Early Cave Men,	Dopp
The Later Cave Men,	Dopp
Our American Neighbors,	Winslow
Famous Legends,	Crommelin
Palmer Cox Brownie Primer,	Judd
Story of Cotton,	Brooks

Myths of Red Children,	Wilson
Pilgrim Stories,	Humphrey
The Prince and Betty,	Wodehouse
At Sunwich Port,	Jacobs
Heart of Oak Books,	Norton
Banbury Cross Stories,	Howard
So-Fat and Mew-Mew,	Craik
Benighted Mexico,	Smith
Plain Facts About Mexico,	Hagar
A Diplomat's Wife in Mexico,	O'Shaughnessy
The Old Peabody Pew,	Wiggin
Mary Cary,	Bosher
The Little Colonel's Holidays,	Johnston
Little Colonel Stories,	Johnston
Helping Himself,	Alger
Try Again,	Optic
The Making of Major,	Lee
The Mystery of the Carol Ranch,	Kingsbury
Mary 'Gusta,	Lincoln
David Penstephen,	Pryce
Pollyooly,	Jepson
Song of the Lark,	Carter
Prince and Goblin,	McDonald
Songs of Friendship,	Riley
Songs of Home,	Riley
Songs of Summer,	Riley
300 Things a Bright Boy Can Do.	
Old Glory,	Andrews
Animal Stories,	Lang
Orange Fairy Book,	Lang
Olive Fairy Book,	Lang
Stories of the Red Children,	Brooks

Stories of Famous Pictures,	Powers
Child's Guide to Living Things,	Brewster
At the Back of the North Wind,	MacDonald
The Princess and Curdie,	MacDonald
Cinderella,	Lang
April Baby's Book of Tunes,	Arnim
Sure Pop and Safety Scouts,	Bailey
Brier-Patch Philosophy,	Long
Stories of India's Gods and Heroes,	Monro
Robin Hood and Men of Greenwood,	Gilbert
The Paradise of Children,	Hawthorne
The Golden Touch,	Hawthorne
The Gorgon's Head,	Hawthorne
Three Golden Apples,	Hawthorne
Heroic Life of Abraham Lincoln.	
Heroic Life of Wm. McKinley.	
Brave Deeds of Our Naval Heroes.	
The Dressmaker.	
The Children's Book,	Burnett
Helmet and Cowl,	Letts
Our Child's Favorites,	Wright
Four and Twenty Tailors,	Lucas
The Real Mother Goose.	
Atlas and Gazetter of the World,	Reynolds
Boys and Girls of the White House,	Sage
Belgium,	Ormond
In Connection With the De Willoughby Claim,	Burnett
The Country of the Pointed Firs,	Jewett
American Wild Flowers,	Mathews
Nature Studies in Field and Wood,	Reed
Birds,	Reed
Mother Nature's Children,	Gould

Stories of Useful Inventions,	Forman
From Colony to Commonwealth,	Tiffany
Dicken's Dramatic Reader.	
Beginning Electricity,	Shafter
Florence Nightingale,	Richards
Heroes of Chivalry,	Greene
King Arthur and His Knights,	Warren
What Germany Wants,	Mach
Heroes of Everyday Life,	Coe
Stories From British History,	Bevan
The Insect Folk,	Morley
When I Was a Boy in Belgium,	Jonckheere
Told By the Camp Fire,	Cheley
First Book of Forestry,	Roth
The Steam Engine,	Baker
Little Journeys to Russia,	Koch
Indoors and Out,	Mott & Chubb
The Friendship of Nations,	Gulliver
The Heart of a Boy,	Amicis
Elements of Farm Practice,	Wilson
How Telegraphs and Telephones Work,	Gibson
Plays for School Children,	Lutkenhaus
Shelters, Shacks and Shanties,	Beard
The Redemption of David Corson,	Goss
The Haunted Crust,	Saunders
A Tenderfoot in California,	Yeslah
A Fatal Past,	Russell
Ruffino,	Ouida
Constance Trescot,	Mitchell
The Iron Woman,	Deland
The Human Interest,	Hunt
Philip Winwood,	Stephens

The Dawn of a Tomorrow,	Burnett
Arminell,	Baring
Kate Carnegie,	MacCaren
A Widow in Thrums,	Barrie
The Mystery of Casterbridge,	Hardy
Holy Orders,	Corelli
David Grieve,	Ward
His Majesty, Myself.	
The Prince of India.	Wallace
R. Holmes & Co.,	Bangs
Cecilia,	Crawford
Barabbas,	Corelli
Corruption,	White
Daniel and the Revelation,	Smith
Billy Sunday, Man and Message,	Ellis
Busy Folk,	Edson and Laing
Lend a Hand,	Edson and Laing
Neighbors,	Edson and Laing
International Encyclopedia.	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DAVIS,
Librarian

Report of the School Committee

RECEIPTS

Town—Support of Schools,	\$1,800 00
Town—School Superintendent,	60 00
Town—Medical Inspection,	25 00
State return—School Fund,	1,328 28
State return—High School tuition,	790 00
State return—High School transportation,	935 10
State return—School Superintendent,	187 50
State return—Education State children,	40 75
City of Boston return—Education Boston children,	78 00
	\$5,244 63

EXPENSES

SUPERVISION

School Committee

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	\$55 25
Jesse Allen, expenses,	3 00
Jesse Allen, school census,	5 00
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services,	9 00
J. Nelson Ball, services,	6 00
	\$78 25

School Superintendent

Paid Robert I. Bramhall, salary,	\$267 50
Robert I. Bramhall, expenses,	2 97
	\$270 47

Teachers

Paid Miss F. E. Bothwell,	\$420 00
Miss E. M. Braman,	385 00
Mrs. E. T. Swindell,	350 00
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	462 50
Miss H. Rutherford,	350 00
Miss E. Shaw,	177 50
Mrs. R. B. Dwelly,	140 00
	\$2,285 00

Books

Paid Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.,	\$ 7 50
Chas. E. Merrill & Co.,	24 32
The Macmillan Co.,	4 00
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	7 07
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	32 77
American Book Co.,	8 94
D. C. Heath & Co.,	5 93
R. I. Bramhall, express,	3 04
	\$93 57

Supplies

Paid Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	\$ 5 42
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J. L. Hammett Co.,	48 14
G. S. Butler,	6 52
R. I. Bramhall,	2 57
C. H. Parker & Son,	95
Helena K. Rutherford,	40
G. Eleanor Shaw,	39

\$64 39

Care and Cleaning

Paid W. W. Russell,	\$56 00
Walter Tucker,	6 10
Edward Gaffney,	10 40
J. Nelson Ball,	21 00
Samuel Sherman,	50
Frank Parkman,	5 28
Edgar Swindell,	4 00
Mrs. John Haire,	3 00
Joana Winsky,	4 35
Laura Snay,	70

\$111 33

Fuel

Paid Wm. Gaffney,	\$25 25
W. W. Russell,	20 00
S. F. Woodis,	9 94
W. R. Woodis,	25 00
M. S. Dean,	25 00
F. H. Parmenter,	15 00
Henry Stone,	12 00
J. Nelson Ball,	5 50

\$137 69

Janitors' Supplies

Paid Middlesex House of Correction,	\$3 50
Mass. State Prison,	2 02
	\$5 52

Repairs

Paid Denholm & McKay Co.,	\$3 48
F. S. Conant,	4 30
Wm. C. Ayres,	4 95
W. R. Dean,	3 50
R. F. Parker,	2 75
David Labonte,	1 50
R. I. Bramhall,	20
H. A. Wales Co.,	2 50
G. Eleanor Shaw,	1 00
Wm. Gaffney,	1 25
	\$25 43

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. C. W. Stickney,	\$20 00
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Grade Transportation

Paid Mrs. Besse Labonte,	\$274 00
Ernest W. Mann,	6 35
	\$280 35

High School Transportation

Paid Mr. Chas. Clifford,	\$46 50
Mr. Edward Cody,	77 85

Mr. Mason Dean,	58 50
Mr. Walter Dean,	60 00
Mr. Wm. Gaffney,	83 70
Mr. James Fairbank,	60 00
Mr. Patrick Moran,	102 00
Rev. Albert Plumb,	58 50
Mr. Geo. Morse,	19 50
Mr. Harry Parker,	60 00
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell,	66 00
Mr. Appleton Newton,	42 00
Mr. Clifford Rutherford,	48 30
Mr. Edgar Swindell,	40 50
Mr. Frank Winslow,	61 50
Mr. James Woodis,	57 00
Mr. Geo. S. Butler,	19 50
Mrs. Clayton Adams,	24 00
Mr. Walter Bruce,	17 50

\$1,002 85

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Barre,	\$350 00
Town of Hardwick,	300 00
Town of Holden,	158 75
Town of No. Brookfield,	40 00

\$848 75

Miscellaneous

Florence Bothwell,	\$3 00
Barre Gazette,	3 71
Guy C. Allen,	5 00

\$11 71

Total,	\$5,235 31
Receipts,	\$5,244 63
Expenditures,	5,235 31
Unexpended balance,	\$9 32

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE M. DAY,
School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Holden, Massachusetts,
January 1, 1917.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:

I submit herewith my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools.

During the past year the work in all the schools has progressed smoothly with little interruption. Oakham is fortunate to be free from the constant changing of teachers, which breaks up the work in many small towns.

During the year a new series of arithmetics was purchased. It is hoped that this series will prove more practical than the ones formerly used. There has also been a partial change in the textbooks used for geography and history. Next year new spelling books, elementary language books, and physiologies should be purchased.

Most of the school buildings are in good condition. The most serious needs are new outbuildings for the South Schoolhouse and new floors in both rooms in the Center Schoolhouse.

Last spring the school year was increased to 34 weeks. It would improve the work of the schools to increase the year to 36 weeks by shortening the spring vacation. The present long vacation makes a break in the work of the year, similar to that caused by the summer vacation.

The law requiring the town to furnish transportation for its pupils attending high school in other towns has increased the cost of education in Oakham. Under the present law the town is required to bear the entire expense of high school transportation if it has expended less than \$4.00 per \$1,000.00 valuation from the proceeds of local taxation for the support of schools during the preceding year. If the town has expended over \$4.00 but under \$5.00 per \$1,000.00, the state will reimburse the town for one-half the cost of such transportation, and if the town has expended over \$5.00, the state will reimburse the town for the entire cost. In 1912, Oakham expended \$3.11 per \$1,000; in 1913, \$5.25; in 1914, \$6.58; in 1915, \$3.80; and in 1916, over \$5.00.

According to the law the town will be reimbursed in full for the cost of high school transportation in the school years 1914-15, 1915-16, and 1917-18, but will receive no reimbursement for the school years 1913-14, and 1916-17. It will therefore be necessary for the town to make an appropriation to cover the entire expense of transportation for the town fiscal year ending December 31, 1917. During the year 1917, the town will probably expend over \$5.00 per \$1,000 for the support of schools, but in 1918 there is danger that the expenditure will again fall below \$4.00 and so force the town to bear the entire cost of high school transportation for the following school year, 1919-20.

The large enrollment in the Center Primary School, together with the small enrollment in the Grammar School, has made it necessary to transfer the fifth grade to the Grammar School this year.

As is shown in the table of statistics there has been a much smaller enrollment in the schools this fall. The Coldbrook School has had the best attendance record of all the schools in this district.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1915-1916.

School	Teacher	Educated at	Total Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent Attendance	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1916
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	North Brookfield High	20	19	18	93	15
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	29	25	22	91	24
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	28	23	22	97	19
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	17	14	12	87	11
West	Helena K. Rutherford	North Brookfield High	18	14	12	85	9
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton					
Drawing	G. Eleanor Shaw	Mass. Normal Art					
			—	—	—	—	—
			112	95	86	91	78

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF
NINTH GRADE

Friday, June 16, 1916

March	Schools
Prayer	Rev. A. H. Plumb
Song, "We Praise Thee"	Schools
Welcome	Orton Oliver Butler
Essay, "Some of Our Wild Flowers"	Ivah Catherine Cody
Essay, "The Value of Good Roads"	Fred John Bechan
Essay, "America's Beef Industry"	William Edward Sullivan
Song, "Spring Song"	Schools
Essay, "Our Neighbor Argentine"	George Franklin Grimes
Essay, "Our Wonderland"	Doris Bruce
Essay, "Sanitation in the Canal Zone"	Alfred Bullard Morse
Essay, "Our Flag and Its Meaning"	Edward Eugene Gaffney
Song, "Anchored"	Schools
Essay, "Class Future"	Eleanor Rugg Hubbell
Essay, "Farewell"	Gladys Mary Stone
Presentation of Certificates	Jesse Allen, Chairman of School Committee
Class Song	

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—There is no study that demands of the pupil so many lines of thought at the same time as does music. An exercise in singing music requires concentration, application, accurate judgment, quick reading, rapid and proper location of sound, appreciation of time, and the production of a pure quality of tone.

The aim of school music is the development of culture through musical knowledge and skill.

The songs and studies throughout the course are chosen for their genuine musical worth, suitable for children of all ages, such as songs of the seasons, national and folk songs and songs of nature and of child life. The ultimate ends sought are song interpretation and musical appreciation.

Care is taken that the voice is not injured, and the pupil is taught to so place the tone as to establish the habit of using the mellow, head-tone, which is the charm and the safe guard of children's singing.

Attention is given to individual work, each pupil is trained to rely on himself, to become an independent thinker and doer. As one pupil sings, the others see and hear what he is attempting and profit from his effort. This work not only affords excellent training for the individual child, but also aids greatly in raising the standard of the class.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,
Supervisor of Music

Report of The Selectmen

The selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Paid Jesse Allen	\$45 97	
Postage and Tel.	7 39	
	53 36	\$53 36

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly	\$50 00	
Postage	9 25	
	59 25	59 25

Tax Collector

Paid E. Cody	\$85 00	
Postage	8 58	
	93 58	93 58

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	\$50 00	
G. T. Butterfield	40 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	40 00	
Postage	3 40	
	133 40	133 40

Assessors

Paid S. H. Haskell	40 00	
W. A. Woodis	46 00	
W. H. Parkman	45 00	
Abstracts	6 95	
Books	1 45	
		139 40

Auditor

Paid Roy Weaver	\$45 83	
W. M. Robinson (estate)	4 17	
		50 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid A. C. Morse	\$8 00	
F. E. Davis	8 00	
J. P. Fairbanks	4 00	
John Dwelly	4 00	
Ira Stone	4 00	
Geo. H. Morse	2 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	2 00	
		32 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid G. T. Butterfield	\$8 00	
Jesse Allen	8 00	
John P. Day	8 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	8 00	
		32 00

Total paid town officers	\$592 99
Appropriation	\$600 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid Geo. H. Morse	\$15 00
Appropriation	15 00

Overseers of Poor

Services and support of poor	\$466 20
Appropriation	150 00

School Committee

Paid for support of schools	\$5,235 31
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Library Trustees

Paid for support of Library	\$567 95
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Superintendent of Streets

Paid for highways and bridges	\$1,498 62
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Care of Street Lights

Appropriation		\$150 00
Paid Ray Howe	\$27 50	
Ralph Cody	58 00	
John Dwelly	47 50	
Oliver Wilkins	14 00	
Geo. Butler	20 49	
C. H. Parker & Son	64 17	
Am. Gas Machine Co.	18 31	
		\$249 97

Bonds for Town Officers

Appropriation		\$25 00
Paid Mass. Bonding Co.		
For Treasurer	\$12 00	
For Tax Collector	30 00	
		\$42 00

Cemetery Committee

Paid for care of cemeteries		\$265 53
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Brown Tail Moths

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid C. H. Trowbridge	\$30 25	
Geo. A. Briggs	13 12	
Ray Weaver	14 50	
Albert M. Briggs	7 87	
		\$65 74

State and County Tax

Paid State Tax	\$720 00	
County Tax	400 00	
		\$1,120 00

State Aid

Paid H. W. Green	\$69 00	
John Stone	72 00	
S. Amanda Reed	72 00	
Emma A. Blodgett	62 00	
		\$275 00

Worcester Trust Co.

Paid for money borrowed	\$5,000 00	
Interest	126 50	
		\$5,126 50

Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$10 00
Paid Henry Grimes		4 00

State Road

Paid for building State Road		\$908 28
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Opening Roads

Paid for opening roads	902 67
Appropriation	850 00

Memorial Day

Paid Soldiers Memorial Association	\$20 98
Appropriation	20 00

Soldiers' Memorial Tablet

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid J. C. Sargent	300 00

Painting Tool House

Appropriation	\$25 00
Paid C. B. Daniels	20 00

Curtain for Hall

Paid H. W. Johns, Mannville Co.	\$42 02
Appropriation	35 00

New Street Lights

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Am. Gas Machine Co.	\$166 50
C. H. Parker & Sons	10 00
G. T. Butterfield, freight and labor	7 94
	—————
	\$184 44

Insurance of Employees

Paid Frank Smith & Son	\$65 00
Appropriation	55 00

Liquor Licenses

Paid State Treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license	\$250 00
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Miscellaneous

Appropriation		\$800 00
M. P. Howard, insurance	\$206 00	
John P. Day, expenses to Boston	3 20	
G. T. Butterfield, expenses to Boston	3 20	
F. T. Parkman, wood	19 12	
Chas. Getting, certifying notes	4 00	
W. R. Dean, wood	25 00	
W. W. Russell, care of hall	78 99	
F. E. Davis, care of clock	25 00	
Dover Mfg. Co., Sealer's supplies	2 24	
Reynolds Mfg. Co., Sealer's supplies	4 08	
W. & L. E. Gurley, Sealer's supplies	3 45	
Arthur Webb, land damage	20 00	
Effie Swindell, land damage	20 00	
C. G. Rogers, printing	119 22	
C. H. Parker & Son, Board of Health supplies	2 50	
Dr. Douglas, reporting births	1 25	
Hobbs & Warren, blanks	1 05	
Industrial School, Chas. Keep, tuition	86 78	
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer	12 00	
Carters Ink Co., ink	18	
C. H. Trowbridge, tree trimmer	50	
J. P. Fairbanks, undertaker and death returns	16 00	
F. S. Conant, rope	1 01	
W. C. Ayres, express	4 44	
G. M. Dean, labor, telephone and stamps	5 92	
R. F. Parker, labor and supplies	10 10	
John P. Day, transportation of State		

Aid agent	2 00	
Sanford, Putnam Co., Collector's book	3 64	
Geo. S. Butler, supplies	12 16	
G. T. Butterfield, perambulating	4 00	
J. P. Day, perambulating	2 00	
Fires, C. H. Trowbridge	26 05	
H. W. Stone, Meat Inspector	82 25	
W. C. Ayres, police	10 00	
F. H. Parmenter, police	6 00	
Frank Cheever, police	3 00	
H. W. Stone, inspector of live stock	30 00	
		\$856 43
Total payments		19,074 53

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,	\$792 19
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes 1914,	13 87
Edmund Cody, taxes 1915,	1,964 74
Edmund Cody, taxes 1916,	6,613 99
State of Massachusetts, corpora- tion tax,	63 71
State of Massachusetts, National bank tax,	49 68
State of Massachusetts, fire pro- tection,	4 00
State of Massachusetts, soldiers' exemption,	18 46
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	40 75
State of Massachusetts, high school tuition,	790 00
State of Massachusetts, trans- portation of high school pupils,	935 10
State of Massachusetts, High- way Commission,	700 00
State of Massachusetts, inspec- tion of animals,	15 00
State of Massachusetts, State Aid,	200 00
State of Massachusetts, State school fund,	1,328 28

Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.	4,500 00
Guy C. Allen, Jr. and Ray Shaw, liquor license,	1,000 00
W. C. Temple, Aect. School Superin- tendent,	187 50
City of Boston, appropriation for School Committee,	88 00
Dog fund returned.	138 27
Rent of Memorial Hall,	92 00
Cemetery Committee,	101 12
Perpetual Care Funds	65 00
One innholder's license,	1 00
Two butcher's licenses,	2 00
Grass on Library lot	1 50
John Smith, balance on fines,	6 26
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	8 42
Overseers of Poor,	154 70
Sale of books,	8 30
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	7 86
H. K. Barnes & Co.,	43
Henry P. Wright, street lamp,	10 00
Henry P. Wright, repairs on street,	50 00
Mrs. Celia Fobes, lights in library,	150 00
W. L. Haskell Estate	100 00
Clara Alden,	100 00
Henry P. Wright,	100 00
Laura Burt Estate.	100 00
Ann D. Adams Estate,	25 00
	\$20,517 12

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	\$19,074 53
Trust Funds deposited,	425 00
Overlaying taxes,	133 71
	————— \$19,633 24
Balance in Treasury,	883 88
Due Worcester Trust Co.,	1,500 00
Overlaying tax, 1915,	132 84

Cemetery Trust Funds

George H. Gould,	\$100 00
Daniel H. Dean,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
Stephen Lincoln,	50 00
Charles H. Fobes,	100 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Weeks & Elliott,	100 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50 00
A. J. Holden,	50 00
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00
William A. Fobes,	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100 00
Henry A. Morse,	100 00
W. L. Haskell,	100 00
Clara Alden,	100 00

Henry P. Wright,	100 00
Laura Burt,	100 00
Ann D. Adams,	25 00

Library Fund and Interest

B. P. Clark,	\$ 790 70
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	1,020 00

These funds are deposited in Savings Banks.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, Moth Exterminator, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

R. M. WEAVER,

Auditor

It is with sadness we record the death of our late Auditor, Walter M. Robinson. Mr. Robinson had served the town as Auditor for sixteen years in a most efficient and able manner. He had also served the town as Overseer of the Poor and School Committee.

In his death we feel that the town has lost one of its most public-spirited citizens.

In behalf of the town and ourselves we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

JOHN P. DAY,

SYLVESTER R. DEAN,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Selectmen of Oakham

LIST OF JURORS

Thomas Gaffney, Farmer.
W. C. Ayres, Painter.
Fred Parmenter, Officer.
Appleton Newton, Farmer.
Ray Weaver, Farmer.
George Morse, Farmer.
Ira Stone, Farmer.

Collector's Report

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1913,	\$27 70
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Cr.

By Abatement,	27 70
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Dr.

Uncollected Taxes for 1914,	\$14 97	
Interest,	1 13	
		\$16 10

Cr.

By Treasurer's Report,	\$13 87	
By Abatement,	2 23	
		\$16 10

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes for 1915,	\$1,945 00	
Interest,	78 29	
		\$2,023 29

Cr.

By Treasurer's Receipts,	\$1,964 74	
By Abatement,	24 68	
		\$1,989 42
		\$33 87

Dr.

Sept. 16.	Taxes committed to me for collection—		
	State Tax,	\$	720 00
	County Tax,		400 00
	Town Tax,		7,355 00
	Overlayings,		133 71
Dec. 16.	Omitted Taxes,		54 16
	Interest		5 74
			\$8,668 61

Cr.

By Treasurer's Receipts,	6,613 99
	\$2,054 62

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,
Collector

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in
the County of Worcester—*

GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at all town meetings, except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2nd. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3rd. To choose one Selectmen, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, also to vote "YES" or "NO" in answer to the question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock

and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for suppression of the brown tail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 293, General Acts of 1916. An act to authorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire.

Article 17th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 59, General Acts 1916. An act relative to the holding of annual town meetings.

Article 18th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 153, General Acts of 1916. An act relative to the license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants.

Article 19th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 240, Section 1, General Acts of 1916. An act relative to the hours of labor of public employees and persons employed on public works.

Article 20th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to install a lighting system in the Town Hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational Church, in said town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
Selectmen of Oakham

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